

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2003 – 1000 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light to moderate nationally, with 363 new fires reported yesterday. Eleven new large fires were reported, five in the Eastern Area, and six in the Southern Area. Twelve large fires were contained, five in the Eastern Area and seven in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, and Ohio.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center is established in Lufkin, Texas. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned in Palestine, Texas. Four Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Crisman, Gray, Morcom and Raley) are assigned in Longview, Nacogdoches, Corsicana, and Hemphill, Texas. Forty-eight agencies are cooperating in the search and collection of shuttle materials. Approximately 80 percent of the current assigned area, or 506,202 acres, has been searched.

NEWCASTLE, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. State and Federal personnel have been mobilized in response to the outbreak of the Exotic Newcastle Disease. They are working in support of the USDA APHIS operation under a Unified Command. Support operations are being conducted in Arizona, California, and Nevada.

**EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

GREER LAKE FIRE, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The fire is three miles southeast of Elbow Lake Village, MN. No new information was reported.

WARFIELD ROAD, Huron-Manistee National Forest. This fire burning in oak and grass is five miles east of Wellston, MI. No major problems or concerns are expected.

BILLS LAKE, Huron-Manistee National Forest. The fire is eight miles east of Newaygo, MI and is burning in hardwoods. The fire was driven by winds with some torching observed. Minimal fire spread is anticipated.

PEACH, Ohio Division of Forestry. The fire is burning in 25-30 year old hardwood regeneration and is two miles west of West Portsmouth, OH. The fire burned actively throughout the operational period in steep, inaccessible terrain. Burnout operations will be utilized to secure containment lines.

CHIPPEWA PRAIRIE, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The fire is two miles north of Appleton, MN. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information has been received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GREER LAKE 2003	MN	MNS	1,400	25	UNK	32	0	5	2	0	10K
WARFIELD ROAD	MI	HMF	700	90	UNK	79	0	18	0	5	100K
BILLS LAKE	MI	HMF	180	90	UNK	80	0	16	0	0	100K
PEACH	OH	OHS	170	50	UNK	15	1	0	0	0	NR
CHIPPEWA PRAIRIE	MN	MNS	2,500	80	UNK	30	0	12	0	0	NR
CRYSTAL LAKE	WI	WIS	572	100	---	148	18	12	0	7	NR
B & G COMPLEX	MN	MNS	138	100	---	15	0	14	1	0	3.5K
DEER	MN	MNS	700	100	---	4	0	0	0	0	NR
GULLY FIRE	MN	MNS	5,500	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR
CARIBOU FIRE	MN	MNS	12,680	100	---	0	0	0	0	1	4K

### SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

RED EAGLE FIRE, Osage Agency, BIA. The fire is near the Red Eagle Community in Osage County, OK, burning in timber. Burnout operations are in progress.

HANEY HOLLOW, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. The fire is burning in hardwood timber, brush, and scattered pine timber, eight mile south of Blocker, OK. Minimal fire spread is expected.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RED EAGLE FIRE	OK	OSA	200	5	UNK	7	0	4	0	0	NR
HANEY HOLLOW	OK	OKS	160	85	UNK	4	0	2	0	0	NR
EAST WATTS FIRE	OK	OKS	300	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
SOUTH MISSION FIRE	OK	OKS	120	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
RATTLESNAKE FIRE	OK	OKS	300	100	---	3	0	1	0	0	NR
BOX TURTLE	OK	OKS	980	100	---	8	0	3	0	0	NR
BLUE CREEK	OK	OKS	180	100	---	7	0	3	0	0	NR
1 LEGGED HORSE	OK	OKS	220	100	---	7	0	5	0	0	NR
HASTINGS 9	FL	FNF	200	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	5K

FNF = National Forests in Florida

### OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warnings:** Eastern Kentucky, Southeast Missouri, Southern Illinois, Western Kentucky, Southwest Indiana, and Southern Ohio for high wind and low humidity.  
West and Central Texas and Guadalupe Mountains for high wind and low humidity.

### Fire Weather Watches:

**Weather Discussion:** A strong low pressure system will move out of central Kansas today into southern Iowa by this evening. This storm system will bring showers and thunderstorms today from the western Dakotas to the Great Lakes States. However, it will lower humidity values in to the teens for portions of western Texas. High pressure will keep the majority of the Southeast dry, while another low pressure system moves toward Southern California later in the evening.

<b>Geographic Area Weather</b>	<b>High Temperatures</b>	<b>Minimum Relative Humidity</b>	<b>Wind</b>
<b>EASTERN AREA</b> Partly Sunny with a chance of scattered afternoon thunderstorms across the south and east Big Rivers and west Mid-Atlantic compacts ahead of a cool front	74 to 84	28 to 38%	South to southwest wind 15 to 25 mph with gusts over 30 mph possible
<b>NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA</b> Showers	ND: 30-35	ND: 40-50	NE 15-30 mph
<b>SOUTHWEST</b> Sunny and windy across the plains, light winds west.	50s mountains, 60s to low 80s lower elevations.	10-30%	W 20-30 mph eastern NM and west TX, decreasing this afternoon. 5-15 mph western NM & AZ



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### UNFAMILIAR WITH WEATHER AND LOCAL FACTORS INFLUENCING FIRE BEHAVIOR

- Can you ask questions of local experts? What kinds of questions would you ask?
- Does the operational period plan give you adequate weather and information? What kinds of weather forecasts can you get? What other weather or local information do you look for in the shift plan?
- Can you get information from resources that have been on the fire? What questions will you ask of the crew that you are replacing?
- Is there any other way to obtain information? List common sources of information on weather and local factors.
- To reduce risks:
  - Base all actions on current and expected fire behavior.
  - Post lookouts.
  - Establish escape routes and safety zones.
  - Take extra caution! Discuss a fire where you relied on information from the local unit (perhaps where your fire knowledge and experience was very different from how they did things—Southeast or Alaska).

**FIRES AND ACRES FOR YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					2	2	4
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1		3				4
	ACRES	114		10				124
Eastern Area	FIRES	29		25	1	120	8	183
	ACRES	25		89	150	5,518	26	5,808
Southern Area	FIRES	2				170	1	173
	ACRES	210				1,989	5	2,204
TOTAL	FIRES	32	0	28	1	291	11	363
	ACRES	349	0	99	150	7,509	33	8,140

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				1	48		49
	ACRES				432	219		651
Northwest	FIRES	3		1			2	6
	ACRES	1		1			0	2
Northern California	FIRES				4	90	15	109
	ACRES				2,210	19	5	2,234
Southern California	FIRES	1	4			225	51	281
	ACRES	0	1			21	16	38
Northern Rockies	FIRES	30	1			52	6	89
	ACRES	197	0			16,234	1,330	17,761
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		8			6	1	15
	ACRES		3			244	0	247
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES	34	16	3		134	50	237
	ACRES	44	2,789	274		4,071	162	7,340
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	5	5	4	1	39	4	58
	ACRES	123	0	213	200	223	15	774
Eastern Area	FIRES	504		35	12	2,176	189	2,916
	ACRES	50,917		1,485	589	60,629	3,280	116,900
Southern Area	FIRES	71		6	10	7,704	229	8,020
	ACRES	7,826		755	706	115,235	5,967	130,489
TOTAL	FIRES	648	37	49	28	10,474	547	11,783
	ACRES	59,108	2,795	2,728	4,137	196,895	10,775	276,438

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>24,808</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>527,184</b>

\*\*\*Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the third reporting period in April\*\*\*

and

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES FOR YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			1			100	101
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						560	560
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			5		1	3	9
	ACRES			1,116		6	71	1,193
Southern Area	FIRES			9		1	13	23
	ACRES			1,512		50	8,900	10,462
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	15	0	2	20	37
	ACRES	0	0	2,629	0	56	9,631	12,316

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	8	73	145			59	285
	ACRES	679	8,750	4,640			2,573	16,642
Northern California	FIRES	2	8	5	10		67	92
	ACRES	31	119	16,865	499		3,857	21,371
Southern California	FIRES		2	1	2		62	67
	ACRES		25	37	12		7,829	7,903
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	5				9	15
	ACRES	12	308				931	1,251
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	8	3		4	3	19
	ACRES	18	746	300		121	62	1,247
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	4	11	4	4		195	218
	ACRES	485	7,719	816	4,877		14,005	27,902
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	8	10	5	3	21	73
	ACRES	1,718	838	391	349	43	2,760	6,099
Eastern Area	FIRES	8		46	7	118	82	261
	ACRES	9,937		9,706	1,556	13,690	19,308	54,197
Southern Area	FIRES	46		194	33	5,626	944	6,843
	ACRES	7,494		66,773	49,046	373,132	743,271	1,239,716
TOTAL	FIRES	96	115	408	61	5,751	1,442	7,873
	ACRES	20,374	18,505	99,528	56,339	386,986	794,596	1,376,328

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest									10	
Northern California										
Southern California									14	311
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest			1						6	
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area	2	22	24	76	2	4			77	62
Southern Area	52	96	12	19	2				521	1148
Total	54	118	37	95	4	4	0	0	628	1521

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